

**City of Sammamish
Parks & Recreation Commission
Meeting Summary
January 9, 2008**

Commissioners Present: Hank Klein, Mary Doerr, Richard Johnson, Randy Jackson, Steve Wright, Rena Brady, Larry Crandall, Gail Stacy Michelman, Judy Petersen, Steve Pelton, Nora Whittemore

Commissioners Absent: Pauline Cantor

Staff Present: Jessi Richardson, Michael Shiosaki, Kevin Husemann, Mark Vysoky, Lynne Handlos, Janie Marie

Call to Order: 6:35

Introductions were made of park commissioners and city staff. Later in the meeting, new park commissioners spoke about their backgrounds related to serving on the commission.

Approval of Summaries: November 14 meeting summary was approved.

Public Comment: None

Outgoing park commissioners John Rossi and Lynn Rehn were not in attendance. They will be recognized for their service at the next regular meeting.

Park Commission Orientation

Park commissioners were provided manuals containing information about the organization of the City and the roles and expectations of commissioners as an advisory board to the City Council. Highlights of this discussion:

- Attendance at meetings
- Correspondence
- Contact with Parks staff
- Public representation
- Media protocol
- Open Public Meetings Act

Introduction to the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan and the Trails, Bikeways & Paths Plans

Both documents were distributed to commissioners. Background information on each document was discussed.

Parks & Recreation Budget

Staff provided an overview of the City of Sammamish budget structure as it relates to funding Parks projects. Parks commission input will be used to update the current Capital Improvement Plan as well as a possible park bond. Also discussed was the high citizen to staff ratio and its effect on operations.

Parks Department Work Plan

The work plan will be finalized at the upcoming city council retreat and will be discussed at the next meeting.

Projects

New commissioners were briefed on the status of the following active projects: **Pine Lake Park Phase II; Evans Creek Preserve Long Term Strategy; East Sammamish Park Master Plan; Beaver Lake Park Off-Leash Area.** Monthly updates on these projects will be provided and are also available on the City's website.

Lower Sammamish Commons

A previous plan included a parking lot and access via SE 4th street. This is no longer an option due to the location of some elements of the Town Center Plan. A site plan revision is being proposed and may include locating the historic Freed House currently sited on 212th Ave SE.

Soaring Eagle Park

The transfer agreement of the approximately 30 acres from King County to the City is still under review by the King County Council. A hearing was held in November in which public testimony was considered. Legislation was suspended until a SEPA process could be completed.

Kipper Property

Adjacent to Beaver Lake Preserve, this property was purchased to connect the Preserve to the Hazel Wolf Wetlands.

Ongoing Parks' staff responsibilities include the popular **Summer Concert Series; Shakespeare in the Park; Kids Noontime Series** and beginning this spring, the **Sammamish Farmers Market**

Commission Reports/Updates

Commissioners Hank Klein and Richard Johnson will make recommendations to the Planning Commission on the parks element of the Town Center Plan during a public meeting tomorrow night.

Next meeting Date: February 13th

Meeting Adjourned: 9:00 p.m.